

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 24 have been cancelled; Claims 25 and 26 have been inserted; and consequently, Claims 2-23, 25, and 26 are now active in this patent application.

The present invention is directed toward a bulk material cargo container liner having at least one vacuum discharge tube member disposed internally within the bulk material cargo container liner, and extending longitudinally forwardly from the rear wall surface portion of the bulk material cargo container liner, for discharging bulk cargo material, disposed within the bulk material cargo container liner,

toward a bulk material discharge port defined within the rear wall surface portion of the bulk material cargo container liner, and at least one inflatable air bag component, operatively associated with the bulk material cargo container liner, for causing the bulk cargo material, disposed within said bulk material cargo container liner, to undergo fluid flow toward the at least one vacuum discharge tube member disposed within the bulk material cargo container liner when the at least one inflatable air bag component is inflated from a relatively deflated state to a relatively inflated state so as to facilitate the evacuation of the bulk cargo material from the interior of said bulk material cargo container liner without requiring the tilting of the bulk material cargo container liner.

The various **PRIOR ART** which was recently brought to the attention of Applicants as a result of the prosecution of corresponding foreign patent applications is submitted to be relevant to the subject matter of this patent application, however, newly inserted Claims 25 and 26 are respectfully submitted to be patentable thereover. More particularly, it

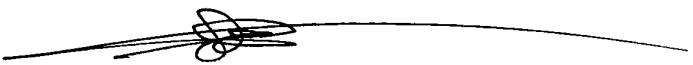
is seen, for example, that the reference of Forsberg (WO 85/04637) discloses a discharge opening 13 and an inflatable membrane 1 for causing the bulk material to flow toward the discharge opening 13, however, there is no disclosure of a longitudinally extending vacuum discharge tube disposed internally within the bulk material cargo container liner.

In a similar manner, while the reference of Chick (WO 88/09755) discloses the use of a vacuum tube 43 in the embodiment of **FIGURE 3**, there is no disclosure of an inflatable bag component for causing the bulk material to flow toward the vacuum tube 43. To the contrary, in order to cause the bulk material to flow toward the vacuum tube 43, supplemental tubes 44, to which air under positive pressure is supplied, are utilized.

The remaining **PRIOR ART**, officially cited by means of the accompanying Information Disclosure documents, is submitted to be of secondary interest.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and therefore, an early and favorable action to this effect is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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